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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am happy to hear the Microsoft case has settled. I urge the Judge reviewing the case to approve the settlement so all parties may focus on more important matters.

While I do not agree with the government's taking action against Microsoft in the first place, I am in favor of the settlement. Its terms are reasonable, and are in the public interest. Consumers will benefit from the settlement, as Microsoft will be free to go about its business producing quality software. Microsoft's competitors will clearly benefit from the agreement. They will be made privy to Microsoft's otherwise confidential operating information. They will also benefit from Microsoft's agreement to make it easier for computer manufacturers to install other company's software on their computers.

The settlement will also provide much needed certainty to the tech industry. This can only help our American economy, especially in a time of recession. I am hopeful this matter will come to a speedy resolution. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frank Murphree